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Mr. Ed Feak
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Dear Mr. Feak:

This letter is in response to your request to me on January 8, 2003 regarding "The Second Hand Store," your property at 102 Mineral Avenue. You asked me to put in writing two basic points which we have discussed in the past.

1. EPA has provided general recommendations for Libby residents and businesses to minimize disturbance of contaminated, or potentially contaminated, soils or materials until such time the soils or materials are determined clean or are removed by EPA. This does not necessarily preclude the performance of routine activities such as yard work and does not imply that all areas are potentially contaminated, but ultimately it is up to the individual.
2. Over the past few months, we have discussed possible cleanup scenarios for your specific property. Because of the condition, contents, and construction of the building, one possible solution we are considering is demolition of the building. We are currently performing the "design" and cost/benefit work on your property to determine what cleanup approach will be most efficient, then will work with you and any other property owners on the details of the work.

I hope this is sufficient for your needs. If you need any additional assistance, feel free to contact me through the EPA Information Center in Libby at 293-6194.

Sincerely,

Jim Christiansen
Remedial Project Manager

